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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS' MEETING WITH AUSTRIAN MFA
SECRETARY GENERAL HAYMERLE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS INFORMALLY
DISCUSSED WITH AUSTRIAN MFA SECRETARY GENERAL HAYMERLE ON
APRIL 27 ACTIVITIES AND TRENDS IN UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL
BODIES. BOTH AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF UNCTAD-IV AND OF
COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING THIS SUMMER AS PROBABLE
INDICATORS OF ATTITUDES DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIKELY TO
ADOPT AT FALL UNGA. AUSTRIA WILL BE AT COLOMBO AS "GUEST".
LEWIS DISCUSSED PROBABLE KEY ISSUES (KOREA, PUERTO RICO,
ISRAEL, AND POSSIBLY VIETNAM) FOR US AT NEXT UNGA AND
INDICATED US INTENTION TO BE IN TOUCH WITH GOA ON DETAILS
LATER. HAYMERLE SAID MAJOR ISSUE FOR GOA AT UNGA WILL BE
TO ASSURE FULL OCCUPATION OF SPACE AT THIRD UN CITY
IN VIENNA. LEWIS REGISTERED STRONG USG INTEREST IN
HOLDING SECOND SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE THIS SUMMER
AND HAYMERLE INDICATED LOS CONFERENCE WAS ALSO
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IMPORTANT TO AUSTRIA. LEWIS-HAYMERLE DISCUSSION WAS

VERY USEFUL IN FOCUSING AUSTRIANS AT EARLY DATE ON PROBABLE KEY ISSUES FOR US AT NEXT UNGA AND REASSURING THEM THAT UN REMAINS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF US FOREIGN POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS MET WITH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL HAYMERLE APRIL 27 AS PART OF TWO-DAY VIENNA PROGRAM OF DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN, AUSTRIAN AND THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVITIES. SITTING IN ON CONVERSATION WERE MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT HEAD AMBASSADOR STEINER, DEPUTY US REP TO IAEA AMBASSADOR STONE AND EMBASSY POLCOUNS. HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION FOLLOW.

3. UNCTAD-IV-LEWIS NOTED THAT PLANNED PRESENCE OF SECRETARY AT OPENING OF UNCTAD-IV MEETING SERVED TO UNDERLINE GREAT IMPORTANCE USG ATTRIBUTES TO THIS MEETING. PURPOSE OF MEETING IN USG VIEW IS TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM DEVELOPED AT SPECIAL ECONOMIC MEETINGS LAST YEAR AND TO PRECLUDE RELAPSE INTO POLITICAL CONFRONTATION. HAYMERLE SAID GOA WAS OF LIKE MIND CONCERNING MAJOR IMPORTANCE OF UNCTAD-IV. LEWIS DISCUSSED DIFFICULTIES FACING UNCTAD IN DEVELOPING ORDERLY WORK PROCEDURES, EFFECTING VIABLE DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS AND RELATING UNCTAD ACTIVITIES TO THOSE OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPS. LEWIS AND HAYMERLE AGREED THAT UPCOMING UNCTAD-IV MEETING MIGHT PROVIDE USEFUL INDICATOR OF POLITICAL ATTITUDES DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL TAKE AT NEXT UNGA.

4. COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING- IN RESPONSE TO LEWIS QUERY, HAYMERLE INDICATED THAT GOA WOULD PROBABLY ATTEND SUMMER COLOMBO MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED AS "GUEST", WHICH HAYMERLE EXPLAINED AS AN AUSTRIAN PRESENCE OF A NON-OFFICIAL, NON-PARTICIPATING NATURE. LEWIS STRESSED THAT IN USG VIEW COLOMBO MEETING COULD ALSO BECOME VERY IMPORTANT GATHERING PRIOR TO FALL UNGA SINCE SOME ASPECTS OF COLOMBO AGENDA COULD BE VERY PROVOCATIVE TO US (E.G. KOREAN ISSUE) IF EXTREME POSITIONS ADOPTED WHICH THEN LATER PUT FORWARD AT UNGA. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. 1976 UNGA-IN RESPONSE TO HAYMERLE QUERY, LEWIS INDICATED THAT USG WOULD PROBABLY HAVE 3-4 KEY ISSUES AT FALL UNGA AND THAT WE HOPED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH AUSTRIANS LATER ON DETAILS OF US POSITIONS AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED. TONE OF FALL UNGA WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST IN INTERVENING PERIOD.

6. KOREA WOULD PROBABLY BE KEY ISSUE AT FALL UNGA, ACCORDING TO LEWIS. HAYMERLE STATED NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAD CALLED ON HIM LAST WEEK TO READ HIM LENGTHY PAPER ON NORTH KOREAN VIEWS ON SUBJECT. HAYMERLE SAID NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR INDICATED NORTH KOREA IS NOT PLANNING TO PUT FORWARD NEW RESOLUTION AT FALL UNGA BUT "TO PRESS FOR OLD RESOLUTION." HAYMERLE SAID AUSTRIAN MFA NOT CLEAR ON MEANING OF AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS AND COMMENTED THAT NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR EITHER DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON MATTER OR, ALTERNATIVELY, FAILED TO COMMUNICATE IT CLEARLY TO AUSTRIANS. LEWIS REGISTERED US CONCERN OVER NON-ALIGNED MEETING IN COLOMBO POSSIBLY ADOPTING STRONG PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION ON KOREA ISSUE AND INDICATED EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE BY USG WITH MORE REASONABLE AMONG NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO URGE THEM TO EXERCISE MODERATING INFLUENCE AT COLOMBO GATHERING.

7. PUERTO RICO CITED BY LEWIS AS POSSIBLE SECOND KEY ISSUE FOR USG SINCE CUBANS MAY POSSIBLY SUCCEED THROUGH COMMITTEE OF 24 IN PLACING SOME KIND OF RESOLUTION ABOUT PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE BEFORE UNGA. IF CUBANS PERSIST, US WOULD CONSIDER ISSUE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE AND HIGHLY OFFENSIVE TO US INTERESTS. HAYMERLE EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING AND COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR US POSITION.

8. ANY ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL AT FALL UNGA BY CHALLENGING ITS CREDENTIALS WOULD BECOME CRITICAL ISSUE FOR USG, ACCORDING TO LEWIS. SUCH ACTION, IF SUCCESSFUL, WOULD GENERATE MAJOR REACTION IN US AT ALL LEVELS, WITH DEMANDS BEING MADE ON USG TO LEAVE UN. KEY ELEMENT
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WILL BE TO CONVINCE AFRICAN AND ASIAN STATES THAT UN IS IN INTEREST OF SMALLER STATES AND THAT ANY EXPULSION ATTEMPT WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST AND SEVERELY DAMAGE FUTURE OF UN ITSELF. HAYMERLE OBSERVED THAT USG CAN COUNT ON FULL SUPPORT OF AUSTRIA IN COUNTERING EXPULSION EFFORT, SHOULD ONE DEVELOP, AND OFFERED AUSTRIAN HELP IN LOBBYING SELECT NON-ALIGNED GOVERNMENTS. LEWIS AND HAYMERLE AGREED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH ON ISSUE.

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9. VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP IN UN MIGHT ALSO BECOME ISSUE AT UNGA AND IN THIS CONNECTION USG CONTINUES TO FEEL, LEWIS SAID, THAT SOUTH KOREA HAS DESIRE FOR AND EQUAL CLAIM TO MEMBERSHIP IN UN.

10. VIENNA AS THIRD UN CITY - HAYMERLE SAID NUMBER ONE AUSTRIAN CONCERN AT FALL UNGA WOULD BE ASSURING THAT SPACE AT VIENNA'S UN CITY PROJECT, WHEN AVAILABLE BEGINNING IN 1978, IS FULLY UTILIZED BY UN OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. HAYMERLE SET FORTH WELL-KNOWN ARGUMENTS WHY THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE AND VOLUNTEERED THAT AUSTRIA IS NOT INTERESTED IN COMPETITIVE MATCH WITH SWISS OVER WHICH ORGANIZATIONS ARE LOCATED WHERE. PROBLEM IS BASICALLY DOMESTIC POLITICAL ONE FOR AUSTRIA SINCE CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT INVOLVES SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURES (ESTIMATED BY HAYMERLE AT 800 MILLION US DOLLARS) OF AUSTRIAN PUBLIC FUNDS AND SINCE SPACE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE RENT-FREE TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ACCORDING TO HAYMERLE.

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11. LOS CONFERENCE - LEWIS RAISED SUBJECT OF USG STRONG INTEREST IN HOLDING SECOND SESSION OF LOS THIS SUMMER IN CONTEXT OF SOME ENCOURAGING PROGRESS IN NEW YORK AND CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING AN LOS TREATY. HAYMERLE RESPONDED THAT AUSTRIA IS VERY ACTIVE IN LOS CONFERENCE, HAS MAJOR INTEREST IN SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE, AND ALSO FEELS THAT IN THIS ACTIVITY UN HAS BEEN DOING VERY COMMENDABLE WORK.

12. EMBASSY COMMENT: LEWIS-HAYMERLE MEETING WAS HIGHLY USEFUL TO US NATIONAL INTERESTS IN ALERTING GOA AT EARLY DATE TO PROBABLE KEY ISSUES FOR US AT FALL UNGA AND SETTING STAGE FOR POSSIBLE LATER US EFFORT TO HAVE AUSTRIANS TRY HAND AT EXERCISING MODERATING INFLUENCE ON SELECT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE WAS REASSURANCE GIVEN TO GOA BY SENIOR USG OFFICIAL OF CONTINUING HIGH US INTEREST IN HAVING UN FUNCTION AS EFFECTIVE BODY, IN VIEW OF KEY ROLE UN PLAYS IN AUSTRIAN FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS.

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